

### REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1 and 4-8 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Koslov et al., with claim 2 being rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koslov, all for the reasons of record. Claim 3 was deemed to be allowable if placed in independent form. Accordingly, and in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance, claim 3 is herewith canceled, without prejudice, and the limitations of this allowable claim have been added to independent claims 1 and 7, thereby making these claims of like scope to that of allowable claim 3. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently-pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Additionally, the remaining issues raised in the Action are addressed below.

With regard to the objection to the drawing as not showing the attenuator claimed in claim 2, this claim is herewith amended in order to delete the recitation of this feature from the claim. With respect to the objection to the drawing regarding the depiction of switch 3, it is noted that this switch is shown in schematic or representational form within the box 3 of the block diagram of Fig. 1, with all external connections to the switch being shown in the figure and the operation of the switch being clearly described on page 4 of the instant specification, starting at line 19. It is respectfully submitted that the referenced

description, taken in conjunction with the schematic or representational drawing shown in Fig. 1 clearly show and describe the instant invention in sufficient detail, and that a more detailed wiring diagram of the internal connections of the switch need not be shown, just as the internal connections of the various other blocks of the diagram (or for that matter the various blocks of the cited reference) are not shown in detail.

Regarding the objection to the Abstract, the objected-to information on line 10 is herewith deleted.

In response to the suggestion that headings be provided, Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

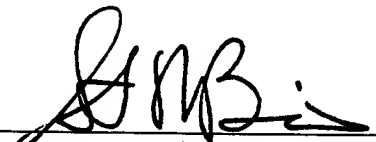
Additionally, claims 6 and 7 were objected to because of the noted misspelling. Applicants acknowledge this informality, which was inadvertently introduced into the claims when they were retyped in the Preliminary Amendment, but note that it appears that the claims involved are claims 6 and 9, rather than 6 and 7. Accordingly, the noted informality has been corrected in claims 6 and 9 by this amendment.

Claims 2 and 7-12 were rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for the reasons indicated. In response, and in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance, the objected-to phrases in claim 2 are herewith deleted, and claim 7 has been amended to positively recite the instant invention in

terms of active positive method steps. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of independent claim 7, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, under 35 USC §101 because of the lack of steps involved in the method, be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

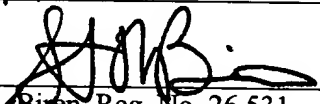
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